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REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT WITH AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated May 13, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the invention set forth in Group I (claims 1-12, 14-21, 23, and 24) and the species mMuSK-R11 with traverse.

Furthermore, in advance of substantive examination, please enter the amendments set forth below and consider the following remarks.

An Extension of Time for two months is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 (in the name of Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation) in the amount of \$400.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation's Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

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